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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The information transmitted by you in memoranda dated 10 February, 13 February, and 17 February was much appreciated. Only by making use of each and every bit of information can we hope to develop comprehensive and accurate intelligence on the Soviet Union.

In view of the announcement of Stalin's illness and the possibility of imminent succession, unusual interest attaches to the above mentioned reports as well as the earlier reports of a similar nature. It would be most helpful at this time if a few of my analysts might discuss these reports with your representative in order to isolate certain critical questions for possible referral to source.

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Director

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